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Park Authority Presents Inaugural Environmental Stewardship Award

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board will present the inaugural Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award tonight to its namesake and inspiration for the award, Sally B. Ormsby. The award recognizes an individual volunteer whose actions embody the spirit and values of stewardship and result in tangible benefits for the environment and the community at-large. The award will be presented periodically at the discretion of the Park Authority Board.

Sally Ormsby has been an effective and efficient citizen leader in Fairfax County for more than three decades. During that time she has been involved in many facets and projects that have had a major impact on the county government and the lives of Fairfax citizens.

The environment is one of Sally's major interests – local, state and national. Her knowledge of erosion and sedimentation problems has allowed the Soil and Water District to provide invaluable assistance to the County as well as individual homeowners. Her leadership on the Potomac Watershed Roundtable has resulted in that group being the major functioning portion of a state-wide effort. She has spearheaded green construction projects and sponsored two LID (low impact development) workshops on rain gardens for the Community Appearance Alliance in 2006. Her many hours of detailed and varied testimonies on land uses before the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and the Virginia General Assembly have been invaluable.

Sally has also chaired Park Partners, an advocacy group for the Park Authority bond referendum. She has been extremely successful in this enterprise and park bonds have been supported by the public each time with a growing percentage of the vote.

Her major contributions to the League of Women Voters' studies have also had a wide impact, as they are published in the League Bulletin, circulated to elected officials, archived in Fairfax County libraries as well as the Virginiana Room, and George Mason University Fenwick library special collection.

The award will be presented this evening at the Elly Doyle Park Service Award program held at the Waterford in Fair Oaks. For more information or a photo contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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